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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
SUBJECT : Recommendation for Additional Communicators

25X1 1. [] Chief of the Domestic Communications
25X1 Activity, recently reviewed the requirements for communicators in
[] He has concluded that two communicators should be
added to the staff as soon as possible.

2. I know of the determined effort which you have made to hold down electrical communications; however, in spite of this effort, the present workload is too heavy for the existing communications Staff. Also, as I understand it, the workload will be further increased in the near future by new collection activities, and within the next year by the planned installation of data processing equipment in the comcenter. Unless the size of the staff is increased, orderly summer vacations will not be possible, nor will it be possible to continue effective operations during the equipment installation and attendant renovations.

3. We are aware of your ceiling limitations. Representatives of your office have told us that no more slots can be allocated for communicators at this time. The Office of Communications has excess cryptographic personnel on duty due to the BALPA and OPRED exercises overseas. Therefore, as an alternative to a permanent increase in staff, it is proposed that we detail two additional cryptographers to your office to be double-slotted for the next 6 to 9 months. It is anticipated that attrition will eliminate our surplus by the end of 1970 and at that time the extra bodies will not be available. Hopefully the two additional communicators will tide you over a critical period, give you time to appraise the long term requirements and, if necessary, establish new permanent slots.

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